



Update on Abortion Reporting System

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Background

Abortion reporting rules went into effect on June 1, 2018

- Since June 1st, HHSC has worked to maintain and enhance statutorily required reporting functions by:
 - Transferring manual reporting functions and staff from DSHS to the HHSC Office of Performance
 - Modifying all current forms to meet new minimum requirements for reporting



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System Development

HHSC is working to design an electronic reporting system that:

- Satisfies all statutory reporting requirements
- Meets ongoing regulatory needs
- Reduces inefficiencies associated with the current manual process



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System Development

Initial research indicates that an electronic system must include:

- Secure access for users and staff
- Ability to confirm reports are complete prior to submission and verify accuracy of some fields
- Document upload capability
- Flexible reporting capable of meeting recurring and ad-hoc reporting needs
- Ability to monitor compliance with reporting deadlines and generate referrals as appropriate
- Provision of ongoing technical support to both internal users and end users



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Project Timeline

- ✓ Rule promulgation (September 2017-June 2018)
- ✓ Rule adoption (June 2018)
- ✓ Administrative function/staff transfer (June 2018)
- ✓ Form Updates (June 2018)
- ✓ Design system requirements and gather technological specifications (ongoing)
- System technological build-out commences (October 2018)
- **Anticipated system launch: April 2019**



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Benefits and Highlights

Connectivity and Efficiency

- The electronic reporting system will allow Regulatory Services prompt access to reported information, which will enhance and streamline enforcement of the requirements as outlined in statute

Security

- The reporting system will be located on a secure portal to minimize risks

Accuracy of Information

- The reporting system will automatically confirm fields within the submitted reports and streamline report entry on the front-end, while limiting errors and delays in follow-up